



# CONGRESSMAN **BOB GOOD**

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**REPRESENTING THE 5TH DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

## **Who is eligible to receive a special Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel pin?**

Veterans are eligible to receive a pin through Congressman Good's office if you or the requestor are a resident of the Fifth Congressional District of Virginia and fall into one of the following categories below:

- 1) Served on active duty at any time during the period of November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service.
- 2) Are an immediate family member (parent, spouse, sibling, or child) of a former, living American POW from the Vietnam War designated by the Department of Defense.
- 3) Are an immediate family member (parent, spouse, sibling, or child) of a veteran who is listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and who is not listed as missing or unaccounted for by the U.S. Department of Defense.
- 4) Are the surviving spouse of a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service.

## **Does the veteran need to submit a DD-214 to participate?**

No.

## **How will I receive my pin after submitting my application?**

Congressman Good or our district staff will present pins to veterans at ceremonies scheduled based on requests.

## **Will accommodations be made for the presentation of pins for veterans and families who may not be able to receive their pin in-person?**

Absolutely, yes.

## **What do the symbols on the commemorative lapel pin represent?**

*Eagle* - The eagle represents courage, honor, and dedicated service to our nation. As one of the most recognizable and notable American symbols, it is emblazoned with distinction on numerous military insignia.

*Blue Circle* - The color blue matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The circle shape and blue color also match the official seal of the Commemoration.

*Laurel Wreath* - A time-honored symbol representing victory, integrity, and strength.

*Stripes* - The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.

*Stars* - The six stars represent the six allies who served, sacrificed, and fought alongside one another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and the United States.

*Message* - “A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You” is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. Also, the official name of the Commemoration is included to remind each veteran that this is a national initiative, and this lapel pin is our Nation’s lasting message of thanks.

## **What if I have additional questions?**

Please contact Dale Sturdifen in my office by email at **[dale.sturdifen@mail.house.gov](mailto:dale.sturdifen@mail.house.gov)**.